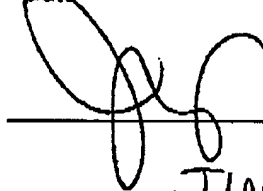


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In response to the July 3, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application, please consider the following arguments supporting allowance of the claimed subject matter:

Claims 1-14 were rejected as being indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph; in particular, the Examiner indicated that the following terms are deemed vague and indefinite: "complementary hemi-sleeves" (claim 1), "to the pole flanges of stepped monopoles" (claim 2), "the sleeves are shaped to approximate the shape of the monopole surface" (claim 3), "sleeves are located at a predetermined, select position on the monopole for optimal reinforcement" (claim 7), "the at least one pair of complementary

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